

The Caswell Connection

YOUTH OUTREACH PROGRAM

BY: TONYA PEGG

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Commissioners' Meetings
Monday, January 5th and
Tuesday, January 20th
- Commissioners' Meetings
Monday, February 2nd and
Monday, February 16th

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CHANGE IN COMMAND

Our program management has been transferred from the Parks and Recreation Department to the Gunn Memorial Library due to the resignation of Director, Ashley Williams. Since the change in command we have changed our program name to the Caswell County Youth Outreach/Enrichment Program. We would like to welcome Director, Rhonda Griffin as part of our staff of the JCPC.

LIFE SKILLS

In Life Skills classes we toured the Historic Museum, Historic Courthouse and Jail and Po-teat's School. The class theme was 'Jumping Your Hurdles'. We associated the past with the present by proving that positive change is good; such as the newest dental equipment, tele-phones, washing machines, etc. If everyone settled for what they have now or who they are now then advancements would

not be made. Special thanks to Paula Seamster and the Caswell County Historical Association for the knowledge-able tours.



K-LOVE & FALL RECURRING SUCCESS SOCIAL

K-LOVE

The Caswell County Youth Outreach/Enrichment Program was blessed with the chance to be interviewed by Frank Hammond, Manager of Public Affairs for K-Love (106.7) radio. This interview gave us an opportunity to get the word out about the programs we offer and to also ask for prayer for us, continued grants and for the youth.

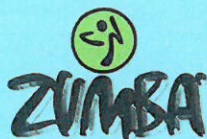
FALL RECURRING SUCCESS SOCIAL

On September 19th The Caswell County Youth Outreach/Enrichment Program held our first quarterly Recurring Success Social for youth that have been successfully or satisfactorily terminated from our program(s) from July 2013—June 2014. our Teen Court volunteers were also invited. We went to Farmer Lake and cooked out, rode the canoes & kayaks and played Corn hole. Everyone had a

blast and we are looking forward to the next RCC in De-



CASWELL COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION



There are many things happening for the community here at the Caswell County Parks and Recreation Department. If you want to get your heart pumping and burn those calories come to Zumba Class every Monday night at 6:30 p.m.. The cost is \$3.00 per person.

Volleyball season has jumped into a great success on Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturdays. The 80 girls are having a blast.

Basketball season practice has also started too on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. We have 236 kids signed up from ages 3 years old to 17 years old. First game of the season will be January 19, 2015.

Last but not least, a new team member has joined our team here at the Caswell County Parks and Recreation Department; our new Administrative Assistant Mr. Mazen Asad. If you have any questions feel free to call (336) 694-4449.

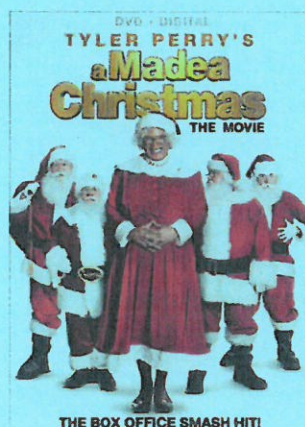
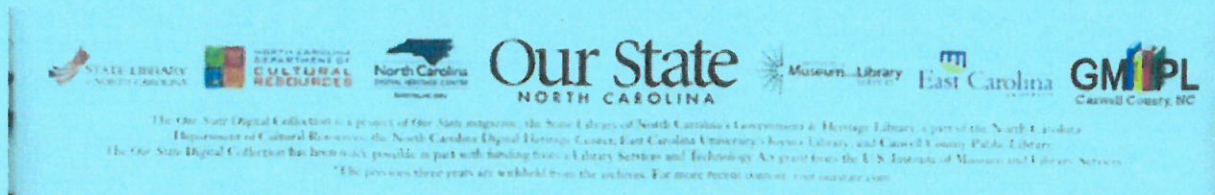


"Health and good humor are to the human body like sunshine to vegetation." -Jean B. Massillon

NC DIGITAL OUR STATE MAGAZINE

BY: RHONDA GRIFFIN

The Digital Information Management Program at the State Library digitized back issues of Our State Magazine and these are now available for your use. In the credits Gunn Memorial Public Library is listed right beside the State Library, East Carolina, and other "Big Boys" on the project. We had a lot of the older Old State Magazines that the State Library was missing, so they borrowed ours to digitize.



MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY

Tyler Perry's A Madea Christmas (2013)
Rated PG-13

Madea dispenses her unique form of holiday spirit on rural town when she's coaxed into helping a friend pay her daughter a surprise visit in the country for Christmas

Trivia

Tika Sumpter and Tyler Perry also work together on Tyler Perry's TV Show "The Haves and the Have Nots".

Larry the Cable Guy references to his "Prilosec OTC" commercials during this movie.

After Madea mentions Eileen's heartburn, Buddy (Larry the

Cable Guy" suggests she take Prilosec OTC. Larry the Cable Guy appeared in a series of Prilosec OTC commercials.





We wish Ms. Becky a Very
Tooty-Ta Retirement!

Ms. Becky starting "working" (playing) at the
Gunn Memorial Public Library in 1997. Since
then, she has won the hearts of children and
adults all over Caswell County.

Although, much like Peter Pan, she will never
"grow-up", she has decided to take an
extended vacation in the form of retirement
to spend more time with her "Prince
Charming" and grandchildren.

The library staff, patrons, and community
want to express our appreciation for all the
time and energy that Ms. Becky has spent
with the library and wish her a very happy
retirement!



20TH NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

BY: TONYA PEGG

October 19th through 22nd we had the privilege to attend the 20th National Symposium of Juvenile Services in Greensboro, NC. We met other stakeholders from across the globe that shares the same interest as our program. We were introduced to several models and tools that we will be able to utilize in the future for our youth. We toured the Guilford County Regional Juvenile Detention Center and the Chatham Youth Development Center in Siler City. There was a CARNIVAL

NIGHT with food, games, and prizes. A few of the workshops we attended were: 'Young Enough to Know Better? Identifying and Investigation Sex Trafficking of "Compliant" Minor Victims', 'Sexting and Cyberbullying: The Improper use of Social Media', and "'Why Don't You Act My Age?'" Generational Team Building for Juvenile Justice.' We are planning to bring a couple of these workshops to the community in 2015!



NEW JUDGES IN TOWN

The Caswell County Youth Outreach/Enrichment Program is pleased to announce our Volunteer Teen Court Judges: Mrs. LaQuetta Jones Bigelow and Mr. Dallas Stephens. These individuals have dedicated their time and knowledge in helping frame our Teen Court Program for the County of Caswell. Our program has truly materialized into impressive opportunities for our youth. A Teen Court Judge plays a vital role in the

makeup of Teen Court. Teen Court is a program that gives first-time offenders a second chance, holding them fully accountable for their actions. The defendant must stand before a jury of their peers and judge, plead guilty to the offense and accept any sanctions imposed by the jury and judge. Teen Court is set as normal with youth volunteers performing the roles of the bailiff, clerk of court, jury, and attorneys. The judge is the only

adult assisting in the judgment of the defendants. We are grateful for our volunteers for without their participation our program could not be a success!

We are excited about attending the upcoming 17th Annual North Carolina Teen Court Summit and with the knowledge and discipline that our judges own we will make our community proud of our achievements.

"Saying you can use: Your actions are so loud I can't hear a word you are saying."

BULLYING FORUM

BY: TONYA PEGG

December 8th we hosted a Bullying Forum presented by William Lassiter, Deputy Commissioner for Juvenile Justice, N.C. Department of Public Safety. We learned why it is important to focus on the challenge of bullying and how bullying plays a part in future and more extensive violent behaviors. Here are a few, but not nearly all, important facts that were covered: A 2011 N.C. Youth Risk Behavior Survey showed that 42% of middle school students and 20% of high school students in N.C. have been victims of bullying. 7% of high school students and 4% of middle school students missed one of more days of school because they

felt they would be unsafe at school or on their way to or from school. Just over 15% of N.C. high school students reported being victims of electronic bullying. More than 22% of middle school students and nearly 40% of high school students reported gang activity in their schools. 14% of high school students and 21% of middle school students have seriously considered attempting suicide. 13% have made a plan of how they would attempt suicide and 5% have actually attempted. 30% of high school students have been offered, sold, or given illegal drugs on school property. 43% reported using marijuana one or more times. 20% report-

ed taking a prescription drug without a doctor's prescription. 10% of students in grades 9-12 reported being threatened or injured with a weapon such as a gun, knife or club on school property. 20% reported having carried a weapon such as a gun, knife or club on school property.

The Olweau Research showed that 13% of students are targets of bullying, 3% are bullies and the others are defined as bystanders. Students in first and third grade were identified by their peers as bullies or targets. Those chosen were followed throughout their school career and until the age of 27. The study showed that 60% of the bullies had been convicted of at least one criminal

offense by age 24 and 40% had been convicted three or more times by age 24. Targets are seven times more likely to be victims of domestic abuse. Bullied boys are four times more likely to be suicidal and girls that are bullied are six times more likely to be suicidal.

If you missed this awesome presentation and want to learn more email me at tpegg@caswellcountync.gov for a copy of William Lassiter's PowerPoint presentation. Also check out *Preventing Violence and Crime in America's Schools*, From Put-Downs to Lock-Downs by William Lassiter and Danya Perry.



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MEMORIES.....

BY: DEBBIE RASCOE

As I look forward to my retirement in the spring of 2015, I am lucky to be able to look back on some fond memories I have of working with the "Employee Appreciation/Wellness Committee".

I believe my most memorable memory of this special committee just recently occurred while preparing for the annual "Employee Appreciation Luncheon". I have never laughed so hard in my whole life. I have been a member of this committee for many years. I have served on this committee when Wanda Smith was employed and I will tell you that on occasion we have worked our behinds off for various county-wide projects. When Wanda retired, Paula Seamster took her place. Overall the committee members have not changed; the dedication, enthusiasm and harmony of this group far surpass any other group I have ever been involved with. I can say it has been a pleasure working with this group of ladies which include: Paula Seamster, Mindy Satterfield, Melissa Williamson, Rose Farmer, Sherry Ramsey, Rhonda Griffin, Tonya Pegg, Sharon Hendricks, & our newest member Yvette Williams. The lone man of the group has been Calvin Connally.

This group is special and needless to say a special bond has developed. Jokingly, Mindy Satterfield did have me sign an agreement that I will continue to be an honorary member even after I retire. I signed the agreement.

I am so glad that during my employment with Caswell County that I can look back and reminisce of the good times I have enjoyed working with this committee.

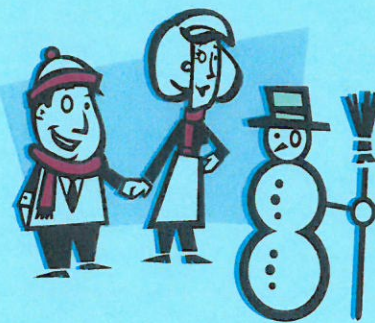
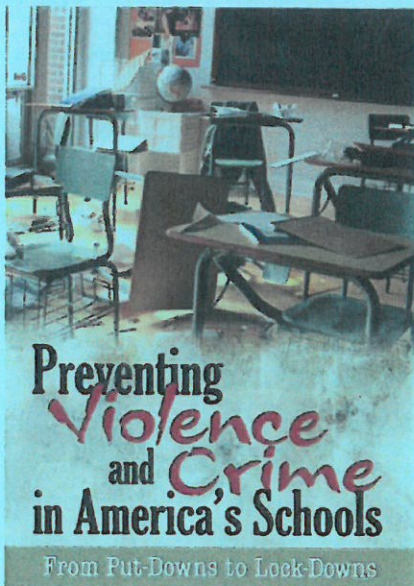
Oh yes; the special memory that just recently occurred was when, this group as a whole, swallowed their pride and with childlike eagerness participated and practiced skits that were performed at the annual "Employee Appreciation Luncheon". "O Christmas Tree" "Little Jack Horner" and "Twas the Night before Christmas" was truly an experience and opportunity for the committee to once again give it their all.....together. We practiced in between laughter.

This committee has never ceased to amaze me.....I will miss this special group of County employees!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

RSS WINTER SOCIAL

BY: TONYA PEGG

Teen Court volunteers and students successfully terminated from our programs from October 2013 to October 2014 were invited to a Movie Matinee on Friday, December 12th at the Parks and Recreation. We watched Madea's Christmas and had popcorn. We are very thankful for our volunteers and proud of our students who completed our programs successfully and remained on good behavior. It gives us conformation that our programs are working for the betterment of our youth.



January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Jennifer Eastwood	3 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Yvette Williams David Travis
4	5 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Danielle Hall <i>Commissioners'</i> <i>Meeting—6:30 p.m.</i>	6 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Desiree Benson	7 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Robert Webb	8	9 <i>Happy Birthday</i> MistyDawn Coe	10 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Don Loper
11	12 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Walter Lewis	13 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Michelle Waddell	14	15	16 <i>Happy Birthday</i> James Shell	17 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Maria Cable
18 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Denise Wilkins Cynthia Williamson	19 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Audrey Simpson <i>Martin Luther King,</i> <i>Jr.'s Birthday</i>	20 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Mel Brown <i>Commissioners'</i> <i>Meeting—6:30 p.m.</i>	21 <i>Happy Birthday</i> John Gunn	22	23 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Julie McSherry	24 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Ryan Daniel Gary Johnson Kenneth Travis
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Happy Birthday Chris Jones Terri Young <i>Commissioners' Meeting—6:30 p.m.</i>	3 Happy Birthday Bettie Lea Knight	4 Happy Birthday Diana Norton Kedrick King Jennifer Pinkston	5 Happy Birthday Nicole Langley	6	7 Happy Birthday Marion Evans
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>
15 Happy Birthday Janice Garland Susan Trost	16 Happy Birthday Pamela Turner <i>Commissioners' Meeting—6:30 p.m.</i>	17 Happy Birthday Lucinda Wilson	18	19	20	21
22 Happy Birthday Wanda Connally Michael Griggs William Reynolds	23	24	25	26 Happy Birthday Michael Welch	27 Happy Birthday Heather Young Tonya Fuller Renisha Brown Irvin Watlington	28